

REMARKS

Claims 41-97 are pending. In response to the restriction requirement, claims 41-51, 54-62, 77-93 and 97 are pending and Applicant requests that claims 52-53, 63-76 and 94-96 be withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-40 are subject to restriction. Applicant respectfully points out that claims 1-40 were cancelled in the preliminary amendment filed with the application on January 11, 2005 and new claims 41-97 were added. Applicant has addressed claims 41-97 in this response.

Applicant further notes that the Examiner indicates that "These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. Applicant is confused by this reference to PCT Rule in a United States Patent Application but has prepared this response in accordance with United States law.

Applicant elects to prosecute Species I as designated in the Restriction Requirement and the subspecies depicted in Figure 26 with traverse. At least claims 41-51, 54-62, 77-93 and 97 read on the elected species and subspecies.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement on the grounds that all of the claims in the application can be examined on the merits without serious burden on the Examiner. Applicant takes the position that the inventions are related as disclosed but are not distinct as claimed.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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